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Window falls 9 stories from Board of Equalization building in Sacramento

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SACRAMENTO - A window in the Board of Equalization (BOE) building at 4th and N Street in Sacramento broke free and fell nine stories to the sidewalk below on Wednesday.

Fortunately, nobody was walking in the area where the window smashed to the ground at around 11:17 a.m.

Around 12:38 p.m., the remaining pieces of the window, along with some pieces of insulation fell to the floor.

The State Department of General Services (DGS) owns the building. DGS spokesman Eric Lamoureux said there have been problems with the 22-year-old building in

the past.

"It's been well documented that there has been issues with the windows," Lamoureux said. "The sealant around the windows were defective and allow water intrusion."

Lamoureux said there has also been a problem with mold in the building.

In 2006, Anthony Perez filed a fraudulent concealment lawsuit against the Board of Equalization on behalf of 31 employees who work in the building.

"It claims that management knew about the mold problem and didn't tell the employees," Perez said.

Perez added the plaintiffs complained of respiratory problems, sinus infections, reoccurring rashes, memory lapses, equilibrium problems and a number of other health-related issues attributed to mold.

According to Perez, the DGS has spent \$32

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